

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

See our [February CALENDAR](#) for details on all upcoming programs.

## EXCITING PROGRAMS COMING SOON!

Don't miss February's "What's for Lunch?" program! Our special guest this month is Wendi Aarons, an award-winning humor writer and blogger who lives in Austin with her husband and two sons. Wendi has written for a number of publications including *McSweeney's*, and for *Esther's Follies*, the famous comedy revue. You may have heard her on KUT, or followed her hilarious Twitter feed [@paulryangosling](#). Join us on Wednesday, February 7 from 12-1 p.m. A light lunch is provided by the Friends of the Library (\$5 donations gratefully accepted) or bring your own.



## SAVE THE DATE for DR. SEUSS!

Our 13th annual Dr. Seuss extravaganza, "Seuss on the Loose," is coming on Saturday, March 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This family-friendly event includes crafts, games, photo ops, and all kinds of Seuss-y silliness in celebration of all things Dr. Seuss. The fun begins at 2 p.m. inside City Hall. Weather permitting, we'll move outside to the new Central Plaza in front of the library at 3 p.m. for Mayor Caroline Murphy to lead us all in the Readers' Oath and then the award-winning Joe McDermott will take the stage for his unique brand of music, movement and all-around fun.



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**LAKE TRAVIS READS**  
*American Wolf:*  
A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West

Lake Travis Reads presents  
An Evening with the Author  
**Nate Blakeslee**  
Wednesday, April 11  
7:00 pm

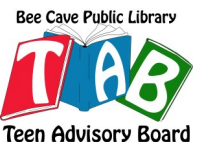
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**TULIA**  
NATE BLAKESLEE  
AUTHOR  
A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL AND OBSESSION IN THE WEST

## NEW FEATURE THIS MONTH!

Our fabulous teens who serve on the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) have a lot to say and want to share it! We'll be featuring them in this newsletter in a column where they can share with the community their experiences with TAB, the library, and life in general. Our first guest columnist is Lake Travis junior Ashley Londa, who also serves as the TAB liaison to the Friends of the Library. Scroll to page 4 for Ashley's column!



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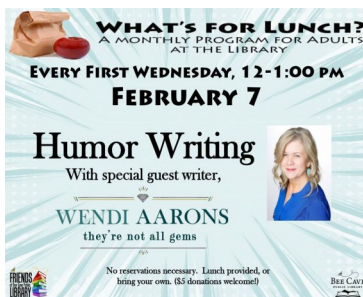
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Want to know more about TAB? Scroll to page 4 for our **new guest columns by TAB members!** This month features Ashley Londa writing about her TAB experiences.



Our popular "What's for Lunch?" program meets the first Wednesday of each month from 12 - 1 p.m. for a different topic each month! No reservations required. Light lunch provided or bring your own. \$5 donations welcome.

Feb. 7 Humor Writing with Wendi Aarons

Mar. 7 Myths & Mysteries of the Texas Revolution with the Bullock Texas State History Museum

Apr. 4 Watercolor Painting with Beatrice Baldwin

## Knitting Club

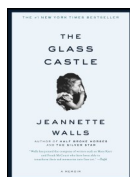
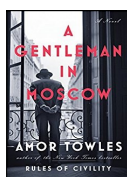
Thursday, February 1 7 - 8 p.m.

When the library closes, the yarn comes out! Enjoy a relaxed evening in the library with a community of friendly knitters and crocheters. Bring a project you're working on or start a new one with yarn from the communal basket! Every 1st Thursday.

## Bee Cave Book Club

Thursday, February 8 7 - 8 p.m.

The Bee Cave Book Club is an informal and diverse group who come together every 2nd Thursday to discuss the group-selected fiction or nonfiction titles. During the hour members share laughter, ideas, and their love of books. New members are always welcome, even if you haven't read this month's selection. The February selection is ***A Gentleman in Moscow*** by Amor Towles. In March we will discuss ***The Glass Castle*** by Jeannette Walls. Copies are available at the library in a variety of formats.



## Friends of the Library Meeting

Wednesday, February 14 4:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss ways to support the library's mission through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy. Consider joining the Friends and giving back to your library!

## goDigital eReader Help By Appointment

Get help using **OverDrive** or **RBdigital Magazines** to get free books, audiobooks and magazines on your Kindle, Nook, iPad, tablet or smartphone. Make an appointment with our digital specialist, librarian Megan Fischer, for one-on-one personalized help by calling 512-767-6625 or emailing [mfischer@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:mfischer@beecavetexas.gov).

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, February 3 2:00 p.m.

Get volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board! Snacks, activities, brainstorming, and a chance to boss the library around - how many volunteer jobs offer that?

**Grades 7-12 welcome.**



Many thanks to acclaimed YA author Jeff Zentner who joined us recently by Skype to talk about his books and share advice on how to write and publish a novel!

**Baby Bumblebees Storytime**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.  
Newborn age to Walking Stage

Babies, bring your grown-ups to enjoy stories, rhymes & songs as they learn engaging ways to prepare children for reading.

**Toddler Tales Storytime**

Fridays, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.  
For ages 1 to 3 years

Join us at the library for 20-25 minutes of stories, songs, and movement every Friday at 10:30 or 11:15 a.m.

**Preschool Pals Storytime**

Thursdays, 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.  
For ages 3 to 5 years

Join us at the library for 20-30 minutes of stories, songs, and movement every Thursday at 10:30 or 11:15 a.m.

**CHESS CLUB**

Wednesday, February 21  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Meet fellow chess enthusiasts and learn new strategies. All young chess lovers welcome, from novices to advanced players.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school year in Community Room A above the library.

Best for ages 6-12.

Interest cards are available now for our next Family Place parent-child workshop, **1-2-3 PlaySmart**. This 5-week session begins March 21 and runs consecutive Wednesdays through April 18. Designed to support the essential role of parents as first teachers, the hands-on series invites parents to play one-on-one with their toddler in a specially-designed environment, and connects them with resource specialists in nutrition, health, literacy, and child development. The series is designed for children age 18 months to 3 years, and will be repeated again in the fall. Space is limited. Interest cards for the spring session are due by March 7th.

**1★2★3**  
**PlaySmart**  
a family place program

For more information, please contact Cate Sweeney, [csweeney@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:csweeney@beecavetexas.gov).

## PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS

**Bee-Tweens****Chocolate Wars**

Saturday, February 10 2:00 p.m.

Think you know chocolate? Think you have chocolate skills? Come find out at the 2nd annual Bee-Tweens Chocolate Wars! Chocolate will be eaten!

Bee-Tweens meets the second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m.

Open for tweens in grades 4-6.

Questions? Email Terry:

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Fri - Sat 10 am - 5 pm  
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## **My Teen Advisory Board Experience** **Ashley Londa**

For almost half a decade now, I have been in a program for teenagers at the Bee Cave Public Library called Teen Advisory Board, or TAB. TAB is a great way for parents to get their teens to do something on the weekend because not only does it boast a service hour for participating in a meeting the first Saturday of the month, the program also offers food (free food!) to contending teenagers. What better way to spend your Saturday afternoon than to eat food and talk about books at the library?!

TAB isn't simply a way to get a teenager out of bed on Saturdays. In our meetings we talk about ways to bring interest to our age group at the library, mostly in the form of programs. We've done all kinds of programs: service projects like making cards for the Grace House or donating

books to the Burke Center, a number of murder mysteries that are a fun and interactive way to bring teens into the library's doors, and some... interesting alternatives as well, like when we hired a professional animator to teach us about stop-motion animation! Each event is always a lot of fun and a great way to promote the library to others.

Of all the programs I've participated in (and I think I've only missed two, of my almost five years in TAB), one of my very favorites would probably be the time I got to dress up as Thing 1 for Dr. Seuss's birthday. Every year, on the first Saturday of March, the Bee Cave Public Library hosts this giant assortment of crafts and activities under the theme of Dr. Seuss, ending with a show by Joe McDermott. I usually volunteer for this event, which is in lieu to a March TAB meeting, and one year I was given the responsibility of walking around and greeting kids as one of the Things. It was such an honor! It's one of those things that sounds kind of weird but is stupidly amazing if you're the one doing it.

Another role I play in TAB is the teen liaison to the Friends of the Bee Cave Public Library. Basically I get to go to Friends meetings every month and converse with all of the wonderfully kindhearted people who also serve on the Friends committee. They put their time and effort into fundraising money toward the library, and there are few people more creative and thoughtful than they are! Anyways, I get to transfer what I learned at Friends meetings every month to the next TAB meeting and let my fellow teens know about what's going on in the library. It makes me feel very smart!

I know at this point it sounds like I couldn't possibly have gained more out of my experiences through TAB, but it's actually due to all of these chances I've had to come to the library all the time and discover so much more of its people and its inner-workings that I came to the conclusion that I want to be a librarian! I knew for a long time that my dream was to be a writer, but just being a writer is hard, and as I grew to commit to the library more and more, I just knew that this was something I really wanted to do.

After nearly five years of being a part of Teen Advisory Board, I have seen so many different people come and go and watched the program itself change and grow so much over the years! We've gotten so much bigger. I remember during one of the slow months in our first or second year of TAB, there was three of us at one of the meetings; now it seems like there's always ten and more, no matter the month. I've made a lot of friends and gotten to meet so many people who share my interests!

I wouldn't be the person I am today without Teen Advisory Board. I'm really thankful that it exists. So... thank you!